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REMARKS

The Examiner has indicated allowable subject matter within the claims of the pending application. Particularly, claims 5, 7, and 11 will be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-4, 6, and 8-10 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 2,828,101 to Antram.

In order to reduce the issues in this application, Applicant has rewritten the instant claims, placing claims 5, 7, and 11 in allowable independent form. Particularly, claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of original claims 2 and 7. Claim 9 has been amended to include the limitations of allowable claim 11, and new claim 12 represents the subject matter of allowable claim 5 (and dependent claim 2) in independent form.

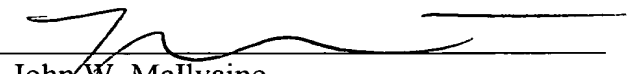
Applicant also notes that an Information Disclosure Statement was submitted by Applicant on September 7, 2004. Consideration and acknowledgment of Applicant's Information Disclosure Statement is requested.

In light of the above comments, allowance of the amended claims is now requested.

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